

BOARD OF HEALTH
Bangs Community Center: Glass Room
Minutes

January 27, 2011

BOH Members: David Ahlfeld, Jennifer Brown, Maria Bulzacchelli, Nancy Gilbert

BOH Members Excused: David Kaufman

Staff: Pamela Field-Sadler

Meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.

Chairman Ahlfeld welcomed Jennifer Brown to the meeting and announced Ms. Brown has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Health.

I. Review & Receive

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2010 – **Approved with modification**

II. Old Business

A. Review: *Amherst Board of Health Regulations for Private Wells*

The Board of Health (BOH) members reviewed a draft version of the *Amherst Board of Health Regulations for Private Wells* with modifications suggested by Chairman Ahlfeld. The BOH agreed the suggested modifications will clarify the requirements for well construction permit applications. The suggestion was made to include a definition for a geothermal well. The BOH discussed initiating a campaign to educate geothermal well installers of the need to submit a permit application prior to construction and will share this idea with Health Director Julie Federman at their next meeting. Ms. Field-Sadler will prepare a final draft of the regulation for the BOH to review at their next meeting.

B. National Public Health Week

Ms. Bulzacchelli reported she has fifteen students in her Principals of Injury Prevention and Control class. The students have expressed interest in the areas of texting while driving and pedestrian and cyclist injuries. Ms. Bulzacchelli will be meeting with UMASS School of Public Health Undergraduate Program Director Lynn Koerbel and Risa Silverman, Director of the UMASS Office of Public Health Practice and Outreach to discuss possible project ideas involving students for National Public Health Week.

C. Regionalization

The Board of Health (BOH) did receive an electronic copy of the Public Health District Incentive Grant Program Request for Responses (RFR) which was issued by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health on December 28, 2010. Due to the excused absence of Health Director Julie Federman this item was tabled for later discussion.

D. Butternut Farms Housing Project

Chairman Ahlfeld informed the Board of Health (BOH) he has received email correspondence from Amherst resident John Boothroyd. Mr. Boothroyd is

disappointed with the BOH's decision to seek no further action regarding the Butternut Farms Housing Project. Chairman Ahlfeld will keep the BOH updated on this matter as needed.

III. Schedule Next Board of Health Meeting/Agenda Closing Date

- A. The Board of Health (BOH) discussed two potential dates for their next meeting. Ms. Field-Sadler will consult with BOH member David Kaufman and Health Director Julie Federman to determine the best date. Ms. Field-Sadler will notify all BOH members of the meeting date.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 p.m.

Pamela Field-Sadler, Management Assistant

APPROVED: 2/22/2011

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Meeting Document List

The following documents were available to the Board of Health during their scheduled meeting.
These documents are available for review at the:

Amherst Health Department, 70 Boltwood Walk, Amherst, MA 01002

- Meeting Agenda
- Meeting Minutes: December 16, 2010 (draft)
- Draft *Amherst Board of Health Regulations for Private Wells* with modifications proposed by Chairman Ahlfeld
- Regionalization
 1. Public Health Service Delivery Information Packet: pages 1, 2, 3, 4, 20, 27 – 35
 2. D.I.G. Health District Grant from DPH
 3. Berkshire Public Health Partnership Inter-Municipal Agreement (Draft Version 11.19.10)